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March 5 – 2023 – 5 березня
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провини та не осуджувати брата мого ні сестри
моєї, бо Ти благословенний на віки вічні. Амінь».

Господи, Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй нас
грішних і подай нам перемогу над агресором у
війні в Україні, щоб в спокої прославляти Тебе на
вічні віки. Амінь.

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ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



St. Nicholas Ukr. Cath. Church
Церква Святого Миколая
(Під Опікою П.Д.М.)
ПОРЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ

4:30 PM For Parishioners **STREAMING**

March 5: 2nd S. of Lent – 2 Н. Вел. Посту

No Liturgy at noon

Mon., March 6 березня, понеділок

7:00 AM Акафіст – Akathistos to Passion of Christ

Tuesday, March 7 лютого, вівторок

7:00 AM +Іван Гарасимчук (дружина)

Wednesday, March 8 березня, середа

12:00 PM Presancified gifts - Нап. Освячені Дари
Сорокоусти – Sorokousty

5:00 PM Presancified gifts - Нап. Освячені Дари

Thursday, March 9 березня, четвер

7:00 AM +Norma & Nate (Mary Ann DuBois)

5:00 PM BIBLE MEETING in Ukrainian

БІБЛІЙНІ ЗУСТРІЧІ по українськи

Friday, March 10 березня, п'ятниця

6:00 PM Presancified gifts - Нап. Освячені Дари

Mission starts – Початок місій

Saturday, March 11 березня, субота RETREAT

9:00 AM +Fred Marc (Nadia)

4:30 PM For Parishioners - **STREAMING**

March 12: 3rd S. of Lent – 3 Н. Вел. Посту

No Liturgy at noon

On March 12 Daylight time changes.

~ One hour less to sleep ~

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The intention of Fr. David



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5 березня: 1 Н.Посту **STREAMING**

10:00 р. +Марія й Іван Правак (родина)

12 березня: 2 Н.Посту **STREAMING**

10:00 р. Мир в Україні – Реколекції - Ретреат

Зміна години 12 березня. Прихо-
димо до церкви годину скорше

Our Church Annual Meeting will be Sunday
March 5, 2023 after Liturgy. Please attend!



We will have our 3 days Parish
Retreat-Mission: March 10 to 12.

Fr. David Misbrener

Friday - 6 PM: Presanctified Gifts

Saturday – 9:00 AM: Liturgy
4:30 PM: Liturgy

Sunday – 10:00 AM: Liturgy

Просимо на реколекції-місії з о. Давидом
Місбрєнер від п'ятниці вечером, 1 о 6 год
до неділі рано о 10. У суботу буде о 9 рано
і 4:30 вечером. Візьмім участь!



Fr. Vasyl
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Will come to
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Saturday, March
18 from 9 to 12.
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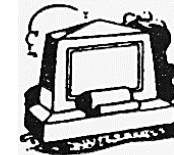
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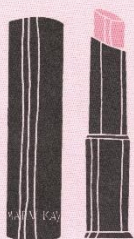
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Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the US

Reflections for Great Lent

Online Spiritual Retreat
Sunday, March 19th, 2023
4:00 pm EST

- * **Hope:** Understanding To What God Has Called Us
- * **Forgiveness as The First Step:** Healing Wounds & Trauma
- * **Love Instead of Fear:** Attention To The Poor and Marginalized
- * **Joy & The Gift of Family:** Nurturing the Domestic Church

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PROGRAM

- 4:00 pm **WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING PRAYER**
Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, League of Ukrainian Catholics
- 4:15 pm **HOPE:** Understanding To What God Has Called Us
Bishop Bohdan Danylo
Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Parma
- 4:30 pm **FORGIVENESS AS THE FIRST STEP:** Healing Wounds & Trauma
Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,
Archeparchy of Philadelphia
- 4:45 pm **LOVE INSTEAD OF FEAR:** Attention To The Poor and Marginalized
Bishop Paul Chomnycky
Eparchy of Stamford
- 5:00 pm **JOY & THE GIFT OF FAMILY:** Nurturing the Domestic Church
Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk,
Eparchy of Chicago
- 5:15 pm Reflections, Discussions, Questions, Answers

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, how rich is the glory of the heritage he offers among his holy people (Eph 1:17-18).

SAVE THE DATE:

Join us as we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Ukrainian Catholics.
Friday, September 22 -
Sunday, September 24.

Friday, September 22 - Welcome Party, J's White Elephant

Saturday, September 23 - 90th Anniversary Banquet - J's White Elephant

Sunday, September 24 - 10:00 Liturgy with luncheon to follow in the church hall

More details to follow.

81 конвенція Ліги Українців Католиків, з нагоди 90-ліття існування Ліги, яка заснована в день Переображення Господнього, 19 серпня 1933 року в Шикаґо, відбудеться тут в нас від 22 до 24 вересня цього року. Якщо ви хотіли би стати членами Ліги, у цей ювілейний рік, і допомогти відповідно приготувати цьогорічну конвенцію, просимо зголоситися.

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Joanne Palko 14
Michelle Michalow 14
Joseph Chojnacki 15
Mykola Dobrykewych 17
Halyna Papisz 18
Marilyn Glascott 22
Iryna Melenchuk 22
Mykola Paslawskij 28
Lyubomyra Kiyashchuk 29

And our children

Marharita Synyshyn 15
Daniel Gurbacki 16
Emiliya Gurbacki 20
Brandon Robert Bader 20

Many Happy Years!

На Многая і Благая Літа!



Members of the Niagara Frontier Council, League of Ukrainian Catholics has agreed to chair the Theme Basket Raffle at the upcoming Fundraiser to benefit Ukraine on April 2. If you would like to donate a basket, or money for a basket, you can bring your donation to the Church hall by March 25. Checks can be made out to St Nicholas and put in the collection box. Please write fundraiser or theme basket on the envelope. Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser a success. LUC MEMBERS

Літа Українців Католиків збирає кошики або гроші на кошики для зібрання коштів для України, яке відбудеться у неділю, 2 квітня у залі Православної Церкви Присвятої Трійці.

The war began with the denial of our right to exist, - the head of the UGCC on the phenomenon of Putinism

The Head of the UGCC, Sviatoslav, admitted that long before the large-scale invasion, he felt a great danger coming to Ukraine from Russia.

The first hierarch told about this in an interview with Ivano-Frankivsk regional television.

"I realized that very dangerous processes were beginning long before the guns began to roar and we heard the whistle of Russian missiles over our heads," says His Beatitude Sviatoslav. "Once at a large interchurch forum, one of the leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church uttered the following words to me: "You are not supposed to exist." This means that the war began with the denial of the right to exist, which initially took place at the ideological and propaganda level," the head of the UGCC said.

According to him, even then, all the bodies of the Russian state, including the church ones, were infected with lies, and they began to spread this lie to the whole world.

"They talked about our state and our people as "something", taking away our identity, saying that Ukraine and its people do not exist, but only territory, claiming that Ukrainians are not a nation, but adherents of some ideology. We were dehumanized, and it was a very clever manipulation," he said.

As His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted, our enemies wanted to talk about Ukraine without Ukraine. They pretended that there was no Ukrainian state, that this was a temporary phenomenon, a mistake of history. They claimed that Russians and Ukrainians are one people, that Ukrainians are such somewhat "heretical" Russians who need to be re-educated or destroyed.

"We ask about the reasons: where could such a denial of the rights to the existence of an entire nation, an entire culture, come from? Perhaps one day, sociologists and researchers of modern societies will study this, but we already see that Russian society and the Russian state are sick of old Soviet diseases (some would like to call them post-Soviet), which today have turned into a revanchist ideology, deeply genocidal in its essence.

I believe that the society that could give rise to the phenomenon of Putinism is mentally sick. And Ukraine is a great irritant for him because it is an example that it is possible to cure the diseases of post-Soviet society, to be free and to build a democratic state with an open type of society," the head of the UGCC emphasized. (RISU)



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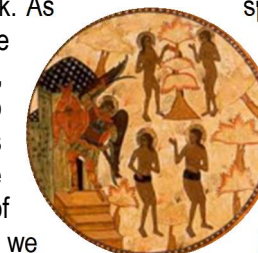
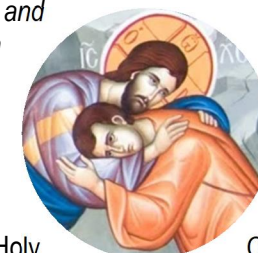
“Let us set out with joy upon the season of the Fast, and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat. Let us purify our soul and cleanse our flesh; and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion. Rejoicing in the virtues of the Spirit, may we persevere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ our God, and with great spiritual gladness to behold His holy Passover.” (Vespers on Cheesefare Sunday).

Lent Has Arrived!

Our Blessed Lord says to us: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where rust and moth consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. For where thy treasure is, there also will thy heart be.” (Mt. 6: 19-21)

Greetings, Dear Fellow Climber on the Holy Mountain,

Thanks be to God, once again we have been blessed to start out on our Paschal journey! This awesome time of the year when we “set aside all the cares of the world” and go out into the desert of our lives. We should have our bags all packed with “the necessities” for our trip. Those necessities were given to us over the past five Sundays, especially in the Gospel readings. Remember? Zaccheus = Desire to see the Lord; Pharisee and Publican = Humility and Prayer; Prodigal Son = Return to the Father; Judgment Sunday = Our Final End; Sunday of Forgiveness = No burdens to hold us back. As taught by our Holy Fathers and Mothers we leave on this journey of prayer, repentance, and renewal to grow in our spiritual life..to grow close to our God. During this Pilgrimage of the Great Fast we continue our climb up the Holy Mountain in search of that awesome meeting with our God, Who we know, is waiting for us.



We are told it won't be easy, this “spiritual combat”. We are told to go with joy and be strong on our journey. We are told to focus on the Lord our God and become holy, to become holier! We want to have the great “metanoia”, the change of heart, where we turn ever more deeply and sincerely to God and live with Him, and in Him. Having all this in mind, we hear the call of the Saints, of our Holy Church, of our pastors, of our conscience, to deepen our spiritual lives and to grow closer to our God and to be with Him! For at the end of this time of the Great Fast we will celebrate the glorious and radiant days of Pascha! Eastertime! We will see the Risen Lord!

Two Sundays ago (n.s.) we began these **special holy days of our liturgical life**; these days of prayer and repentance and renewal. Being guided by the Church, almost all of us, as we should, puts a special focus on this Lenten time. We strive to learn and/or recall once again, the teaching of our Holy Ones, those blessed men and women who before us, have already walked in holiness of life upon this earth. We learn from them and receive this “Faith of our Fathers” who show us how to walk this earthly path, as they remind us of who we are and where we are going. By the example and teaching of these Holy People we are reminded that, we too, must be like them, a people of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. During the Lenten days prior to Pascha (Easter), our call is to become strong spiritual people. Let us hear our Lord say, “**..Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.**” Lk 11:28 The Great Fast isn't made for us as some kind of physical, mental or spiritual torture, nor is it to force us to take on heavy, impossible burdens that make us feel like a sinner/loser when The Great Day comes! No the Great Fast is to make us spiritually strong, as we journey through this world with the focus and end of our earthly journey being Life Eternal! Life with our God Forever!

When we hear Great Lent explained as a time of fasting, too often, that is all we hear. Too often the

emphasis, and dare I say distraction, of this Paschal spiritual journey goes right to the fasting part. "Oh, Oh, I've gotta give up something!" And so we immediately allow ourselves to go into a tizzy about this Lent thing!

It's not only "the people in the pews", (as the laity is often referred to), who do this. I've heard priests and or religious say, "I'm going to live on bread and water! I'm not going to eat a thing from Sunday of Cheesefare till after Liturgy of Pre-sanctified on Wednesday."



Trying too much too soon, can bring disappointment and discouragement right at the outset. As for the beloved "people in the pews", fasting means "giving up something", doesn't it? So there is a rush to go immediately to everyone's favorite, or so it seems, **Chocolate?!!** "No chocolate for me! Others look at it as a time "to lose a few pounds" and think about a "holy diet." And so we have Lent, the Great Fast! But merely "giving up something" isn't really what we should do. We do what we do...fast, or try to fast as best we can; pray, or try to pray more deeply or reverently; be merciful to our neighbor; to try to remember we will one day meet our God. Here on this earth after the dedicated time of this liturgical season we come to the celebration of the Feast of Feasts, Holy Resurrection of our Lord! And then it's over....or is it? How many Lenten travelers go back to square one by the evening of Easter Sunday? Almost everything accomplished during Lent is already gone or pushed to the back! The prayer, the fasting the almsgiving stops almost immediately. Easter is here! We're done! See you next year! Wonderful! Beautiful! But...if we have made progress during Lent, we must not go backwards in one day. Did you hear about the beer-drinker guy? Had beer every day, but come Lent, he announces his plan to fast from his favorite food, the beer! And he did it...not a drop touched his tongue the whole Lent! He really did well in using the holy time to put aside his need for this "earthly food." Know what happened on Easter Sunday? By evening he was in a stupor from "enjoying too much." Got himself back to square one in a hurry!

We must be very, very careful not to lose what we might have acquired on our "Lenten Journey". The time of Great Lent is serious spiritual warfare! It is given to us to make us spiritually strong! Lent, my Dear One, is not

for only 40 days, but for the rest of our earthly lives. Lent, The Great Fast on this earth, NEVER ENDS!!!! St. Paul often likens our earthly journey, our climb up the mountain, as to a physical contest with the crown of glory to the victor! The athletes

must train and become strong. They must practice, practice, and practice! Train, train and train! It is only by this constant focus and exercise that one can attain to the "crown of earthly glory" on a field of sport. The athlete does not stop between contests! He will never say, "Oh it's several days till the next race or game. I will do nothing till then." Wouldn't he lose his conditioning? Wouldn't his skills diminish? Look at our Buffalo Bills for one! Their entire life, day and night, is complete focus on "the game" and winning that game. Each individual team member must keep himself at peak performance. So it is also with our spiritual life! We pray, fast and give alms ALWAYS! We must daily encounter the Living God! Even when Pascha comes!

The time of Lent, The Great Fast, is like a snapshot of our entire life! It's not something we do for 40 or 48 days, but it must be a picture of our spiritual life. Little by little from when we are children to the day we take our last breath we are to be people walking with our God, guided by the Holy Ones who are gone before us and all the Angels. Guided where! To the Day of Resurrection! To the "Eighth Day!" To the Day that has no Evening! To Heaven! We train and we practice and we struggle...we become strong in the Lord. We become winners of the race, champions in contest. We are crowned with eternal crowns! We are welcomed into heaven! After our earthly climb is finished, we will have no need for Lent, for we will have met our God! But for now on this earth **LENT NEVER ENDS!** May the Lord bless your Fast and lead you to His Holy Resurrection! (fr. Ray)

"Women of Steel" called on the Pope to facilitate the release of 167 Ukrainian women from captivity



Natalia Kravtsova, the co-founder of the NGO "Women of Steel", and mother of the defender of Mariupol, called on Pope Francis to facilitate the release of 167 Ukrainian women from captivity and handed over a letter from military families.

This is stated in the message of the Coordination Headquarters, Ukrinform reports.

Speaking with the Pope, she stressed that 167 women - Ukrainian defenders, doctors, and non-combatants-have been held in Russian captivity for more than 9 months.

"These are very young girls and mothers who have not seen their children for more than a year since the Russian military surrounded Mariupol. But the Russian side does not take into account any arguments and refuses to release them or exchange them," the woman said.

Members of the Ukrainian delegation appealed to the Pope to join the release of Ukrainian women and seriously wounded soldiers, as well as to find a third country for the repatriation of Ukrainian prisoners of war. (RISU)

Thank you note By Fr. Robert Moreno



Dear Very Rev. Fr. Marijan and Parishioners of Saint Nicholas:

Just a few lines to thank you and the parishioners and friends for having joined me celebrating my 30th Anniversary of Priesthood.

Specially thank you for making it possible for my dear mom and brother to follow the Divine Liturgy in sunny and warm Puerto Rico at the same time. Technology is something wonderful.

I am so thankful for the beautiful cards and letters with warm wishes, gifts and the recalling of so many great memories of sharing feasts, weddings, baptisms and the such through these 30 years here at Saint

Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church. Thank you also for allowing me to have a lovely reception after the Liturgy at the Parish Hall. It was very nice.

I wish you all much health, peace, and spiritual gifts that will strengthen you as we continue living through these trying and unique circumstances when world peace depends on the peace and wellbeing of Ukraine.

I remain your servant, always available to assist you in any way I can be of service.

Yours,

Fr. Robert Moreno

God Bless you and your Family, Fr. Robert